

Kentucky Postsecondary Education Fact Sheet

Mason County



General Population Data

	County	State	US
Total population	16,800	4,041,769	281,421,906
Median household income	\$30,195	\$33,672	\$41,994
Percent living in poverty	16.8%	14.3%	11.9%
Percent eligible for Medicaid	19.4%	17.5%	N/A
Estimated percent who do not have medical insurance	14.0%	13.3%	14.2%
Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election	63.3%	64.7%	88.7%
Unemployment rate 2004	5.5%	5.3%	5.5%

Highest Level of Education

Less than a high school diploma or GED	26.9%	25.8%	20.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	35.4%	33.4%	28.6%
Bachelor's degree or above	13.0%	15.6%	22.3%
Number of additional bachelor's degree holders needed in this county for it to be at the US average			1,179

College Readiness

	County	State
Average ACT Score	20.7	20.9
Percent underprepared in one or more academic subjects	46.2%	48.2%
Percent underprepared in math	31.3%	34.7%
Percent underprepared in English	40.3%	24.5%

Educational Pipeline

Public high school graduates in 2004	171
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005	438
GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005	40
Number of students from this county who entered postsecondary education in Fall 2004	114
Number of students from this county who earned a bachelor's degree in 2004-05	58

Notes:

Total population, median household income, percent living in poverty, and estimated percent who do not have medical insurance are all from the 2000 US Census.

Percent eligible for Medicaid is based on unpublished 2005 eligibility data from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, and US census data.

Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election is from the State Board of Elections.

Unemployment rate 2004 is from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Employment by Sector information is 2004 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The self-employed and certain other workers are not included, and some data have been withheld due to BLS confidentiality rules.

Employment by Sector

	County	State
Agriculture, Mining & Other Nat. Resources	N/A	26,378
Manufacturing & Construction	N/A	346,875
Retail, Wholesale, Transportation & Utilities	2,288	368,755
Finance, Professional & Business Services	777	276,576
Education & Health Services	1,099	210,961
Government	1,095	289,987
Leisure, Hospitality and Other Services	1,123	206,240

Undergraduate Enrollments

Institution	Alumni	Fall 2004 Enrollment
University of Kentucky	1,106	56
University of Louisville	30	18
Eastern Kentucky University	222	25
Kentucky State University	9	1
Morehead State University	111	91
Murray State University	14	8
Northern Kentucky University	148	61
Western Kentucky University	22	4
Kentucky Comm. & Tech. College System	1,545	457
Independent Colleges & Universities	227	69
Total from this county	3,434	790

Financial Aid to Students from This County

Financial Aid Type	# Awards	Dollars
Federal Pell Awards	395	\$977,077
Federal Loans	186	\$941,650
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships	287	\$380,565
State Need Based Grants	283	\$374,417

Highest Level of Education information is from the 2000 US Census for those aged 18 and older.

College Readiness information is based on ACT or equivalent scores by 2001 and 2002 high school graduates who entered a Kentucky postsecondary institution in Fall 2002.

Public high school graduates in 2004 is from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005 and GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005 are from Kentucky Adult Education.

Financial Aid to Students information is from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

All other information is from the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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